

Sherwood Forrest

neighbourhood news

**SFRA
VIRTUAL
AGM**
Wed., Nov 9th
@ 7:30 pm



A quarterly newsletter issued by the Sherwood Forrest Residents Association

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Things are looking up this fall

by Bruno Galle, SFRA President

The summer never seems to be long enough. However, we can now finally look forward to a much brighter fall season than our experiences over the last few years. I hope everyone was able to get together with their extended families for Thanksgiving. Despite some lingering effects of Covid, interest rate hikes and continued inflation, we do have so much to be thankful for!

While our memories of Covid are slowly fading and the lifting of the remaining travel mandates, the SFRA team is once again excited to continue to plan for all the familiar events and activities that we have been accustomed to in the past. Hopefully you took part in our recent Pumpkin Giveaway and Jack-o-Lantern Carving Contest, and saw a lot more trick-or-treaters out this year.

Our always popular **Open House @ The Pump** is back and will be held on Wednesday, November 16 @ 7:30 pm. We are looking forward to seeing our neighbours, old and new, and catching up over a pint or glass of wine and some complimentary hors d'oeuvres!

One event that will continue to have a virtual setting is the **SFRA AGM on Wednesday, November 9 @ 7:30 pm**. Stay tuned via email, Facebook and sfra.ca for the meeting link. Some of the topics we hope to address are: crime and graffiti, which some people are concerned that it may be gang related, the new by-laws for speed reduction, updates on Hammond House and Carmel Heights.

Our Ward 8 Councillor Matt Mahoney, MPP Rudy Cuzzetto, Division 11 Liaison Officer, Community Liaison Shelley Tsolakakis and City Planners have been invited, and will hopefully be available to address our concerns and any questions we may have.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, and I would like to thank the SFRA team who continue to dedicate their time and effort in the planning and executing our events, which help make our community feel more neighbourly. If you come out to the Open House @ The Pump you may meet a few of them.

Have an amazing fall season everyone!



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What's **Shakin'** in the HOOD



Crime cools off with the weather

While cars seem to continue to be stolen at high rates across Toronto, it's nice that we haven't experienced a lot of car thefts and break-ins in Sherwood Forrest, or at least it seems that way!

Ed note: A quick look at peel.police.ca/en/in-the-community/crime-statistics-and-maps.aspx showed that between Aug 1 and Oct 13, 2022 two vehicle thefts were reported.

Stay ahead of Covid variants and get boosted

Ontarians aged 12 and up are now eligible to get their bivalent COVID-19 booster dose if they have completed their primary COVID-19 vaccine series. Annual flu shots are also now available at many participating pharmacies. During fall and winter there tends to be a rise in cases of respiratory illnesses. Vaccines improve immune response and reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization and post-infection symptoms.



Children's book shortages

Our Little Libraries are very popular, especially with the little ones! If you have any kids books that have already been thoroughly enjoyed, please drop off a few at either location in Sherwood Green or Dean Henderson Park.

A great book club evening with Elizabeth Renzetti

by Cara Cross

Sherwood Forrest Book Club was pleased to welcome author and journalist Elizabeth Renzetti, who joined us on August 23rd to discuss her book *Shrewed*. Elizabeth brought her fun sense of humour and knowledge of topical issues to a neighbourhood backyard on a lovely warm summer evening. Friends and book lovers enjoyed lively conversation, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments as part of this special first "meet the author" event.

The book club meets once a month on a Tuesday evening and welcomes all members of the community to participate. We also endeavour to hold special events twice a year: our summer "meet the author" cocktail party and our festive wine and cheese book exchange in December. If you love to read and join in interesting conversation, email sherwoodforrestRA@gmail.com to be included on our mailing list and book club sessions.



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'Tis the season for some warm traditions!

by Cara Cross

Long has there been a beautiful and warm relationship between Canada and the Caribbean based on a shared love of cod fish and rum! In the 16th century, salted cod fish was sent to the Caribbean in return for Scream Rum from Jamaica. The legend goes that the Scream name came from a serviceman visiting a Newfoundland bar, who howled when he took a shot of the rum with a strong bite. The cod fish that was salted for preservation on the long trip from Newfoundland to the islands soon became, and is still today, the national dish of Jamaica – Ackee and Salt Fish. This recipe is a version of cod fish stew and a favourite in my household. It is an easy and delicious one pot dish on its own or it can be served with rice and peas or green banana.

Cod Fish Stew

Ingredients:

- 2 fresh cod filets
- 1 medium cooking onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped (or mix of red, green and yellow pepper for added colour)
- 1 tomato, diced (or ½ cup of canned diced tomato)
- 1½ cups chicken, vegetable or seafood broth
- 1 tbsp butter or olive oil for sautéing
- 1 tbsp chopped chives
- 1 tsp of thyme
- 1 tsp of minced garlic
- 1 tsp of Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Favourite hot pepper sauce to taste (optional)

Directions:

1. Heat butter or olive oil in a medium sauce pan
2. Add garlic, onion and peppers and sauté gently
3. Add tomatoes and ½ of the broth to a pot
4. Cut up the cod fish into pieces and add to the pot
5. Stir in chives, thyme, Worcestershire sauce and hot pepper sauce if desired
6. Add the rest of the broth and gently simmer for 10 to 15 minutes or until the fish is flaky, white and cooked through

Share and enjoy with friends and family on a cool fall evening!



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Hammond House Saga Comes to a Close

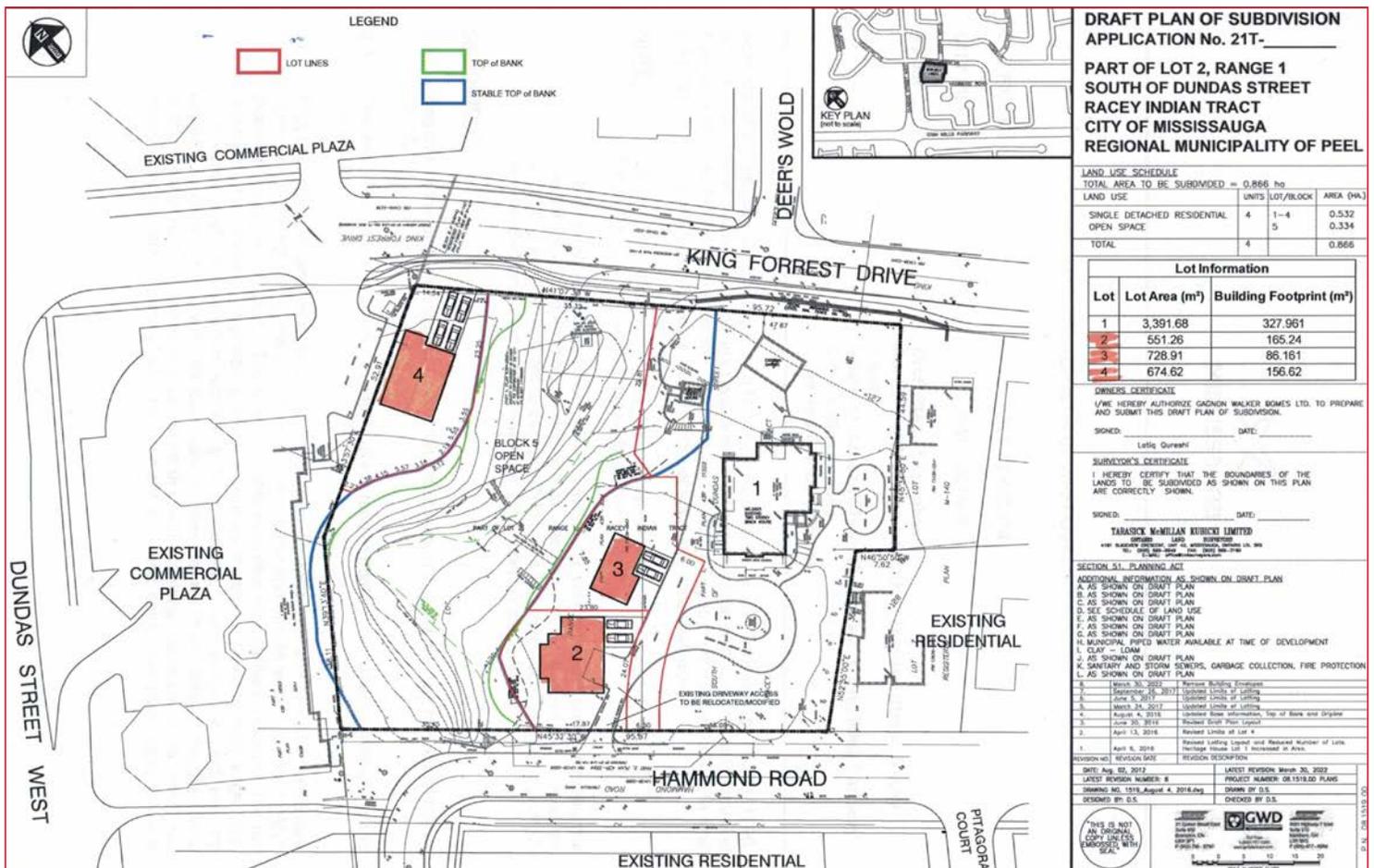
by Steve Blaney

After over 10 years of planning, proposals and resubmissions, the Hammond House redevelopment saga has ended. On August 29th there was an Ontario Land Tribunal settlement hearing regarding a revised plan that had been submitted by the owner of the Hammond House site. The plan approved by the City shows three new homes that I have coloured in orange. While the SFRA had not been provided with the appeal documents and the final plan prior to the OLT hearing, the settlement did include items requested by the SFRA, including the retention of the Hammond House, the dedication of the Loyalist Creek to the City of Mississauga and not more than 3 new homes.

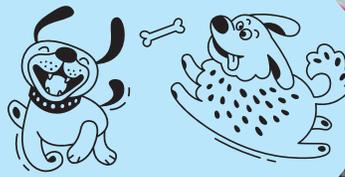
Since 2012, representatives from your SFRA have opposed the original Hammond House development application for the 2.14 acre site which proposed 7 new homes on narrow detached lots, some of which faced King Forrest Drive. At a community meeting on March 27, 2013 the neighbourhood expressed concern for the creek across the lands which was

to be covered over and stated our desire to retain the heritage home. The Commissioner of Planning later recommended that the development application not be approved. During the same period of time, there were changes to provincial development principles in Ontario such as the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. These plans proposed a greater variety of residential options in existing neighbourhoods. Thus Mr. Qureshi's planner submitted the revised plan to the City of Mississauga during settlement discussions that began in 2018. The City of Mississauga did not provide SFRA representatives with the appeal documents in time to submit a formal report of our concerns.

Accordingly, we are not pleased with the 14.54 m frontage for the single lot facing King Forrest Drive, as it could be used as an argument in favour of splitting existing lots in Sherwood Forrest. However, it is better than the R4 exemption of 12 m for the previously proposed lots facing King Forrest. It will be interesting to see how the traffic between the two plazas and the new home is impacted.



K9 CORNER



Have you met these best friends, Maggie and Jeanie? Some say they are the nicest, friendliest dogs in Sherwood Forrest. You may recognize them from a K9 Corner in the past when they were each younger. We didn't receive another K9 submission by the publishing date so here they are again all grown up enjoying a recent play date!



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Like It or Not

Like It...

We're so lucky that we have such a variety of wildlife in our neighbourhood. I've seen a snapping turtle and so many different, interesting looking birds that I have no idea what they're called. Maybe someone could start a Sherwood Forrest birding club. If it includes drinking wine, I would definitely join.

Not...

While I don't see many raccoons during the day, I definitely know they've visited my trash bin at night. They must work in teams because the lid is fairly heavy and they still manage to dig out cookie and chip remnants, which now that I mention it, I never encountered in our pantry in the first place. Someone in my house has been hiding them from me and eating them in secret.

Not...

I have noticed more graffiti in our neighbourhood, in the park and on people's fences. It's not even very good. I think the fines or punishment for vandalism should be more severe, especially for graffiti that's crude or lacks any imagination.

Not...

Wildlife can be pretty, but when it becomes destructive, not so much. Squirrels are wreaking havoc on the wiring of my outdoor string of lights. I've replaced two already. Question: if I leave them plugged in, will the squirrel be electrocuted? I'm just asking, for a friend.

Not...

I'd really like to know what kind of person would go out of their way to throw out our "Slow Street" signs in the ravine or nearby bushes. If they have that much time on their hands, they can certainly drive slower, too.

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Enchanted evening under the stars



The cooler weather didn't stop the SFRA from hosting an outdoor movie night at Sherwood Green Park in mid-September. Nor did it dampen the enthusiasm of those in attendance. Although we had a few sound issues, we had a great turnout and a lot of fun. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped run the event and thank you to all the neighbours who came out to watch (and sing along enthusiastically) to Disney's Encanto. Sadly we'll have to wait until next spring when the weather warms up to host another Movie Night. The only minor complaint we had was there was a bunch of garbage that did not make it into bins after the show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SFRA AGM

via Zoom
Wednesday, November 9
@ 7:30 pm



Open House @ The Pump

Wednesday, November 16
@ 7:30 pm

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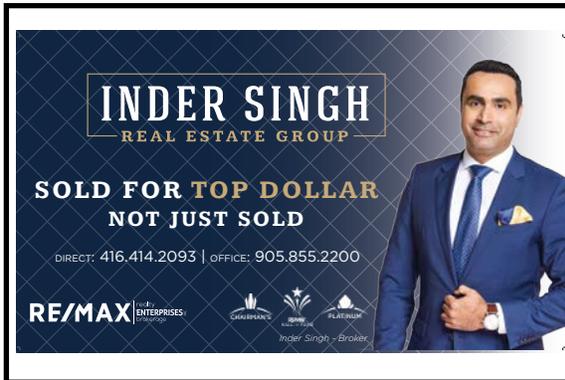
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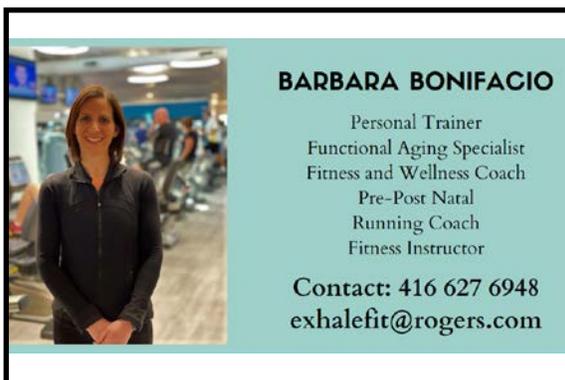
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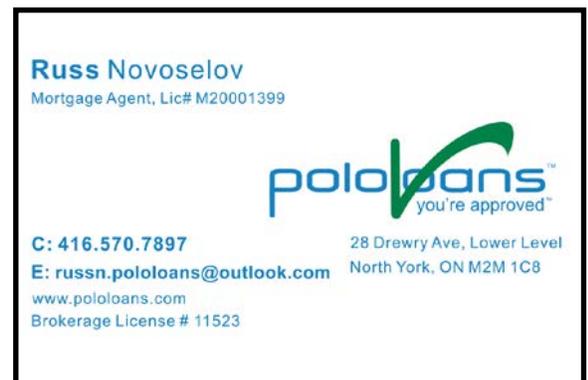
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